

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action dated April 7, 2004 in which the Examiner rejected claims 7, 9-10, 12 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103 and stated that claims 8, 13-14 and 18 are allowed.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner considers the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 26, 2002. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and stamped Postcard are attached for the Examiners convenience.

As indicated above, claim 7 has been cancelled without prejudice and dependent claims 9 and 12 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 8. Furthermore, the dependent claims have been amended to have consistent terminology with claim 8. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 9-10, 12 and 15-17 are in condition for allowance.

Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

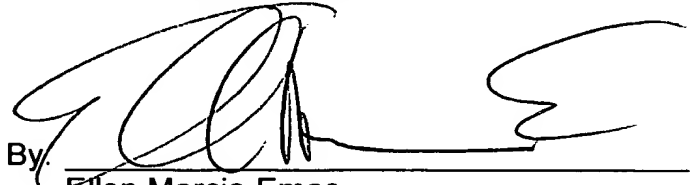
If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the current set shortened statutory period, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge
our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ellen Marcie Emas', written over a horizontal line.

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